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News, reports, updates, thank you's, etc, from individuals or local organisations are free – the more the merrier – keep 'em comina!

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#### **Deadline**

**Deadline for articles** or adverts for the next issue of The Bridge is 4pm 19th September

Please note that no items will be accepted after this date

#### September

#### Tuesday 1st

Coffee Morning – 10am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

#### Thursday 3rd

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

#### Saturday 5th

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

#### Monday 7th

Corsley Parish Council - Quarterly Meeting – 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Corsley Festival Choir – 7.30pm, St Margaret's Church rehearsals resume

#### Tuesday 8th

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

#### Tuesday 8th

IT for Silver Surfers (IT) – 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

#### Thursday 10th

Corsley WI 95th Anniversary Dinner – 6.30 for 7 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Warminster Area Board – 7 pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

#### Wednesday 16th

Parochial Church Council – 7.30 pm St Margaret's

IT for Silver Surfers (Digital Photography) – 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

#### Thursday 17th

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

Church and Community Coffee Morning – 10 am-12 noon, Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade

#### Saturday 19th

Children's Library launch – 10 am onwards, St Margaret's Church, Corsley

#### Wednesday 23rd

Soup and Lite Bites Lunch – 12.30 pm Corsley Reading Rooms

#### Friday 25th

Macmillan Coffee Morning – 10.30 am-12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

#### Saturday 26th

Defibrillator Awareness event – 9.30 am-12.30 pm. Demonstrations at 10, 11 and 12 noon, Chapmanslade Village Hall

# Diary Dates

#### October

#### Thursday 1st

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

#### Saturday 3rd

Corsley litter pick – 10 am, meet opposite the Royal Oak

Corsley Harvest Supper – 7 for 7.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

#### Tuesday 6th

Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

#### Thursday 8th

Corsley WI - 'The Journey of a Volunteer' – 2.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

Chapmanslade Parish Council – 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

#### Saturday 10th

FREE Apple Pressing Day – from 11 am, Corsley Memorial Playing Field

Chapmanslade Harvest Supper – 7 for 7.30 pm, Chapmanslade School

#### Thursday 15th

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

#### Saturday 17th

Cool Jazz and Pop Classics – 7.30pm, Chapmanslade Village Hall

#### Thursday 29th

Warminster mobile library (see page 52 for times)

#### November

#### Tuesday 3rd

Coffee Morning – 10 am - 12 noon, Corsley Reading Room

#### Thursday 12th

Corsley WI - 'Gardens and Flowers' – 2.30 pm, Corsley Reading Room

#### Saturday 21st

Chapmanslade Quiz

#### Saturday 26th

Corsley Show Society Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm, Corsley Reading Room

#### Saturday 28th

Christmas Market – 10 am Corsley Reading Room

# Harvest Suppers

Saturday 3rd October, 7 for 7.30pm Corsley Reading Room

Saturday 10th October, 7 for 7.30pm Chapmanslade Village Hall

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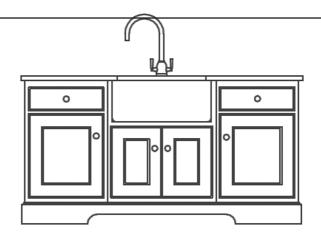
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#### To friends and neighbours in Chapmanslade and Corsley

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many friends, neighbours and members of the church community in Chapmanslade and Corsley who have provided love, support and invaluable practical help over the past few weeks.

As many of you will know, I tragically lost my wonderful husband, Philip Butler and my amazing daughter, Jenny, only 28 years old, in the devastating road traffic collision on the A36 on 13th July.

I have been overwhelmed by the cards, messages, texts, phone calls, visits and flowers that I have received and I am more grateful than words can express. I was so thankful for the help and support of the churchwardens who supervised parking and traffic flow in Chapmanslade for the two funerals on the 4th and 5th August, which allowed my family to walk from The Knoll to the church behind Phil and Jenny. This was especially important for Jenny who was carried in a horse-drawn hearse for the whole journey to Westbury Cemetery.

Thank you to neighbours who paid their respects as we passed through the village; it was very moving.

Thank you to the church flower arrangers and everyone who helped to make St Philip and St James' look marvellous and to the staff of The Three Horseshoes, who looked after the many relatives, friends and colleagues of Jenny's and Phil's following the services.

Finally, special thanks to the Reverend Pauline Reid for the love and support she has given to me and my family and for leading the very special funeral services for these two exceptional people.

Thank you all.

Dr Sue Jones The Knoll Chapmanslade

# Bob's bafflers

- If Boxing Day is a Friday, what day is December 1st?
- 2 Becky Sharp is a character in which novel?
- 3 How many strings does a balalaika have?
- 4 Which school did Billy Bunter attend?
- 5 Parker and Barrow were the surnames of which notorious couple?
- 6 Freetown is the capital of which country?
- 7 What is the last word in the New Testament?
- 8 Which girl's name is used to describe a female ferret?
- 9 Who composed the song "Moon River"?
- 10 Where on the face would you find your columella?
- 11 In alphabetical order, which is the last chemical element?
- 12 Which word can go after 'heat' but before 'on' to make two new words?

Answers on page 52



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Biology: changing the world

# What is Ebola and is it so dangerous?

Professor Nigel Brown, President of the Society for General Microbiology writes about this once-deadly virus

Ebola, or more properly Ebola Virus Disease, is caused by a virus which is readily transmitted from individual to individual in body fluids, such as saliva, blood, vomit and urine. It is an example of a zoonotic disease, which is one passed from animals to humans. Then, in turn, it passed from human to human with devastating consequences. The recent outbreak in West Africa was traced back to one young boy in Guinea who may have been in contact with contaminated fruit bats. His immediate family and those attending to their care and funerals were the next to succumb and cultural practices, such as washing the bodies of the deceased, may have spread the disease further. It is estimated that between the start of 2014 and the end of July 2015 there were nearly 28,000 cases and over 11,000 deaths.

Ebola is accompanied by bleeding from soft tissues, and so is known as a haemorrhagic disease. Other haemorrhagic viruses are known, but Ebola is particularly important as it occurs where healthcare and sanitation systems are often rudimentary. Ebola is highly infectious, but can be managed by avoiding direct contact with the victims. Information and monitoring of the outbreak was key to managing it. Those countries with good healthcare systems, such as Nigeria, became free of Ebola infections much more auickly than others, such as Liberia.

Even though the crisis in West Africa is not yet over, Ebola is unlikely to come to the UK. Good hygiene measures help prevent initial transmission between individuals and we are conscious of the need to monitor people who have been in disease areas. The virus is not transmitted through the air, only by direct contact. At the end of July the initial results of a vaccine trial were announced, and the vaccine appears to have an excellent success rate. If future cases arise, their immediate contacts can be vaccinated to prevent further spread of the disease. Remarkably, this vaccine was produced in about 12 months as many of the requirements for testing where shortcircuited due to the urgency of the situation. I must congratulate the many scientists responsible for developing this vaccine by GM technology from a harmless virus and a fragment of Ebola virus. I also compliment the UK and other microbiologists and medical staff who went out to Africa to help manage the crisis.

So, is Ebola the worst health problem facing Africa? The simple answer is "No!". Although shocking, the number of deaths from Ebola is small compared with the number of estimated deaths in the same period from tuberculosis at 50,000, malaria at 700,000 and HIV/AIDS at about 1.3 million, with hunger also accounting for over 400,000 deaths. There is still a lot to do.

Nigel Brown

Nigel Brown is a retired Professor of Microbiology, now living in Chapmanslade. If there is a biological topic that you would like him to write about, or if you have questions about this article, please contact him at nigelbrown48@gmail.com.

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# Thank you Sue!

St Margaret's Church was filled to capacity for the Service of Thanksgiving for Sue Waterman's life, and no wonder, as Sue was held in such high esteem by everyone who knew her.

As a friend, from our arrival in Chapmanslade over 40 years ago, I would like to remind villagers of the many contributions Sue made to the village she loved.

Sue performed in many pantomimes, often taking leading roles. This in turn led to her support for the Village Hall, where she was secretary for many years - helping at events, painting the hall, making curtains and planning its modernisation.

Sue also supported the church – joining the cleaning and flower rotas for very many years in her quiet, efficient way, as well as helping at events such as harvest suppers and fêtes.

The Bridge also benefitted from Sue's expertise when she was Editor for many years, helping to link the two villages of Chapmanslade and Corsley together; I know Sue was admired by people in both villages.

She then went on to deliver The Bridge to households for many years.

I know Sue would be embarrassed by this lengthy list, but mention must also be made of the school, which her three children attended, the WI (later the Loose women), helping at Macmillan Coffee mornings, Speed Watch, Open Gardens, the History Group and many other quiet contributions, such as picking up litter in the countryside when walking her dog!

Sue will be greatly missed, not just by her wonderful family, but all the people who were lucky enough to know her, and the people who did not know her, but benefitted from her contribution to the life of our village. Sue's interests extended beyond the village but here, in The Bridge, I wanted to thank Sue for the time she dedicated to Chapmanslade.

Sue's chosen charities Positive Action on Cancer, Water Aid and The Woodland Trust reflected her care for the world.

A sad friend, Denise Page



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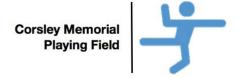
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# **Ringing News**

My goodness, since I last wrote we've all been in demand,

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We're honoured to have rung our bells in Sue's memoriam

And celebrate the wedding day of Shelley and Graham.

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Marion Moldon

# Corsley **Tennis Club News**

The Ladies' 'B' Team played Chippenham Park 'C' on a pleasant evening at the Corsley Memorial Playing Field and sadly lost by six sets to two. Emma Fox and Rebecca Bennett competed strongly, while Diana Hale and Sue Newell showed great resolution. On the this occasion, the opposition proved to be rather too wellorganised.

The club held its mixed doubles tournament on a warm, but blustery Sunday afternoon at the Playing Field. After some absorbing sets, Alison Plummer and Jon Dilena finished top of Group A –

Alison's solid ball-striking complemented Jon's watchfulness very effectively. Group B required a playoff in which Ann Walker and Brian Young prevailed against Emma Fox and Michael Clarke

The final was closely contested but Ann and Brian emerged as worthy victors, with Ann's consistency and Brian's volleying proving to be the decisive factors. The event was organised by Sonia Glenn with her usual style and panache.

Cake Monster

#### Do you remember the launch of the

# **Lions of Longleat**

Dr Andrew Flack wants your help in researching the rise of the English Safari Park

Opening in April 1966, the 'Lions of Longleat' was the world's first drive-through lion reserve outside Africa.

Established by circus showman Jimmy Chipperfield and the Marguis of Bath, the Wiltshire attraction invited visitors to enter the park's wild spaces and to gaze upon the beasts inside from the comfort and security of their very own automobiles. Fifty animals

were initially acquired from animal dealers in Uganda and from zoos throughout the UK and Europe to make up the park's first group of African lions. Presented as 'even better than Africa', the park was immediately popular with the public.

In the twelve months following the park's opening in 1966, 188,500 visitors' cars entered the estate along with 580 motor coaches. Indeed, massive visitor numbers produced long and winding traffic jams that clogged up nearby villages as visitors flocked for a close encounter with the African wilds.

While plenty of people were excited by the thought of Wiltshire's latest animal attraction, many people were concerned about beastly invasions. Some people were worried about the prospect of lions getting out, while others were perturbed by the sudden appearance of hundreds of motorcars every day, bringing thousands of tourists into a part of England's 'green and pleasant land' that had formerly been quiet and peaceful.

I am an historian at the University of Bristol and I am currently working on the rise of the English Safari Park. What I've found is fascinating, but what I really want is memories from members of the public who

remember the first years of Longleat, Indeed, good history is all about the memories of people who were actually there. Did you go when the park first opened? What was it like to ride through the lion enclosure in your car?

Were you afraid of the thought of lions loose in the Wiltshire wilds, and was your rural life disrupted by the arrival of so many tourists?

If you can answer any of these questions, I would love to hear from you. Please contact me at Andrew.flack@bristol.ac.uk. And, if you have any old photographs that you would like to share with me, either email me, or send them to me at the following address:

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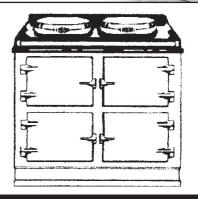
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# **Parish Council Briefing**

Chairman, Neil Britten, round up the PC's July activities

There has been one occasional meeting in July, to consider four planning applications.

#### **Planning Applications** 15/06060/FUL

This was a repeat full application by a family building firm, McIntosh DBR, of Knowle Farm, Compton Martin, for erection of two detached dwellings and associated garaging at Squires Coal Yard, Lane End. Conditional upon success with this application, McIntosh will purchase the site. The new application was necessary because of errors in the original survey which resulted in a need for minor changes in the dimensions and spacing of the proposed houses. In addition, the original plans for on-site soakaways for the private sewage treatment plants had been rejected by the Environment Agency.

A copy of a comprehensive letter of objection to the proposals, to Wiltshire Council, had been received from No. 2 Roddenbury View, mainly concerned with the potential overlook into their property and the overbearing height of the proposed houses.

The PC supported the original planning application subject to a number of conditions. After further discussion on the new application the Council agreed to support the application subject to the following conditions/concerns:

• That the condition of the boundary wall separating the development site from

its neighbours at Roddenbury View be professionally examined.

- The developer should erect appropriate fencing atop the boundary wall to ensure privacy is maintained. (It was noted that at the PC meeting where the outline application was first discussed, at which representatives of the developer and residents of Roddenbury View were present, the latter were informally advised by the developer that such fencing would be erected. This agreement was not included in Wiltshire's decision conditions).
- It was noted that despite the redesign, the ridge height of one of the proposed dwellings is greater than the ridge height of the neighbouring bungalows, in contravention of the conditions applied at the outline planning stage.

The PC felt strongly that the proposals in the application relating to drainage and the disposal of foul water were too vaque and there was concern that the capacity of the existing drains crossing the A362 was probably inadequate. There was also concern over the potential effect of outflow from a new soakaway on the north side of the A362. A further condition was thus added that, when further information is provided and firm proposals are put forward to Wiltshire, the PC should have the opportunity to comment again.

#### 15/06161/FUL

Erection by Longleat Estates of six temporary accommodation blocks and associated services at Stalls Farm. These application was for facilities for support the cultural and artistic events in the 2015 season. A similar set of accommodation was provided for the events over the Christmas period 2014/15.

The PC had no objections to this application.

#### 15/06343/FUL

Single storey extension at Deerwell, Whitbourne Springs to replace existing lean to and kitchen.

The PC had no objections to this application.

#### 15/06548/FUL

Erection of a wooden verandah, installation of play equipment and pizza oven on the Memorial Playing Field. The latter two items had been transferred from the Old School Playing Field.

The PC had no objections to this application

#### **Broadband**

At the last PC meeting, there was agreement that there could be a case for a full scale survey in Corsley to establish broadband needs and whether there was a case to be made for early installation of a 'superfast' capability. The village was invited to let the PC know if individuals were dissatisfied with their broadband service (speed) and believed that there was a need to argue for a better service to be delivered to Corsley in the next two years. We were particularly looking for any experts who might be willing to help advise and run a campaign if there was sufficient support.

The response over the last six weeks or so has been very muted, with about eight expressions of dissatisfaction. The PC will once again be debating this topic at the next PC meeting on 7th September, with a view to deciding whether a full scale survey is warranted. Once again we are interested in your views and the more responses we receive, the more likely it is that the PC will be able to promote the cause. Please let us know your views by sending an email to myself or John Willcox.

(corsleypc jdw@aol.co.uk)

#### Social Housing **Proposed Bay Tree Development**

An update was received on 5th August from Wiltshire and reads:

"The whole accommodation programme is going back to cabinet mid-September for approval to progress to the next stage. I therefore feel that it would be appropriate for me to attend the December meeting, although having said that I will be on maternity leave at that point, so it would be another officer, yet to be appointed.

Re an update for the parish newsletter, you can share that Wiltshire Council has recently appointed an architect and quantity surveyor for the Corsley site, I am meeting with them in a few weeks, to have an initial meeting about the proposal, site constraints, what the bungalows programme is about, etc... I hope to meet with you before the December meeting, as there will be some progress before that time.

I am awaiting a new plan from our estates team and I will forward this on asap.

#### Re housing allocations

People/households will need to be registered and assessed with our Homes4Wiltshire Team. Their telephone number is 0300 4560104 if you would like to talk to someone. To join the register the applicant must have a local connection to Wiltshire

and if they want to bid on a property they must have a local connection to where the property is based, e.g. if they want to bid on a new bungalow in Corsley, they must have a local connection to Corslev and be 55+. More information can be found here www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk/Data/ ASPPages/1/2.aspx. The overall aim of the bungalow programme is to encourage households who are currently underoccupying family housing to downsize into more suitable accommodation e.a. a bungalow, that would better suit their needs now or in the future. By freeing up the existing property, this will be let to another local Corsley household registered on Homes4Wiltshire or enable families who live elsewhere to relocate back to Corsley."

#### Streetscene

There had been some progress on the flooding at Court lane. The landowner has agreed to put a bund at the field entrance to stop the field run-off and the local authority are investigating how best to ensure the water runs down to the existing drains.

It was reported that there had been an accident at the junction of Fuzzy Lane and Dertford as a result of which the road markings were going to be replaced.

#### **Footpaths**

It has been noted that there has been a reported increase in the dumping of green waste on footpaths and the PC is keen to understand whether there is a link with the recent changes to green waste collection. One report had been directly followed up by the PC, but it should be noted that footpaths are public highways and, as such, it is the responsibility of landowners to keep adjacent hedges cut and the paths clear.

This topic will be on next month's quarterly meeting.

#### **Old School Playing Field (OSPF)**

For those who have noticed that the gap in the fence between the car park and the OSPF has been closed, the explanation is that the PC was concerned that the gap was an invitation to travellers to get on to the land with vehicles or animals. This step is temporary and a more permanent solution will be debated at the next quarterly meeting. This discussion will also look at the longer term future of the OSPF, in particular the costs and benefits of the site.

Pedestrian access to the OSPF can still be gained through the double gates adjacent to Little Cuckoos.

#### Millenium stones

The poor material state of these stones has been noted and John White has agreed to arrange their cleaning.

#### **Dates of future meetings**

**Quarterly Meeting** Monday 7th September, 7.30pm

**Quarterly Meeting** Monday 7th December, 7.30pm

Meetings are held in the Lower Room, Corsley Reading Room.

Occasional meetings, at short notice, will also be held to discuss planning applications and other urgent business. Please watch the village notice-boards and the Bridge web site for these.

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#### Dear Friends,

September again! And lots of new starts and comings and goings in a number of households I would imagine. Memories spring to mind of getting four children up and dressed and into their pristine school uniforms for the very first day of the new school year, and I seem to remember the uniforms didn't stay pristine for long! I also remember that I had to get up at the unearthly hour of 5.30am to actually get them out of the house by 8.30am. Busy mums and dads – my thoughts and prayers are with you!

It's quite something though isn't it, the day your beloved child starts school, or leaves home to go to university for that matter; you want to protect them and be there for them to make sure everything is ok, you want to make sure that nothing horrid happens to them, and of course you can't. Learning to cope when life gets difficult is a necessary skill we all have to learn at some point or another, other people can be there to support and encourage us but they can't do it for us.

Part of the Church's role is to provide support and prayer in times of need or distress. When a person is ordained as a minister in the Church they promise to pray daily for the people and community in their charge, and for the wider world. Sometimes that praying is done by the community of faith as a whole in the Sunday services or at Morning Prayer. If I hear that any of you are ill or in need in any way I make a point of praying for you. Sometimes I get a telephone call asking me to pray for a sick relative or friend. The point is you don't have to come to church to be prayed for, you don't have to good to be prayed for, you don't have to have your religious beliefs or indeed your lack of religious beliefs neatly parcelled up in an understandable package to be prayed for; anyone can ask for prayer, that's what we are here for

So if, like that new pair of school trousers in a few weeks – decidedly worn with perhaps a few holes in the knees – you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please get in touch. You needn't share any details if you don't want to; God knows our deepest need, our disappointments and our dreams.

In the meantime, I continue to pray for you all.

Love and prayers, Pauline

#### September Church Diary

Tuesday 1st September
After Alpha Home Group
7.30pm at Honeysuckle Cottage, Corsley

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Sunday 6th September: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist
11.15am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist

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Monday 7th September
Time to Think Home Group
10.30am – please contact Phil 832845 for details

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9.30am St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Family Eucharist 10.30am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: Eucharist 11am at St Mary's, Temple: Matins



Tuesday 15th September
After Alpha Home Group
7.30pm – please contact Richard 832594 for details



Wednesday 16th September Parochial Church Council 7.30pm at St Margaret's, Corsley



Thursday 17th September
Church and Community Coffee Morning
10am to 12pm at the Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade:



Saturday 19th September Launch of Children's Book Library 10am to 12pm at St Margaret's, Corsley Sunday 20th September: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 9am at St Mary's, Temple: 1662 BCP Holy Communion 10.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Family Worship 10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Longbridge Deverill: Eucharist

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Monday 21st September
Time to Think Home Group
10.30am – please contact Phil 832845 for details

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Wednesday 23rd September
Light Bites Bread & Soup Lunch
12.30pm to 1.30pm at Corsley Reading Rooms

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Sunday after Trinity

9.30am at St Philip & St James', Chapmanslade: Eucharist 10.30am at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston Deverill: Eucharist

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Tuesday 29th September
After Alpha Home Group
7.30pm – please contact Richard 832594 for details

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Sunday 4th September: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
8am at St Michael the Archangel, Brixton Deverill: 1662 BCP Holy Communion
9.30am at St Margaret's, Corsley: Eucharist
11.15am at St Peter & St Paul, Longbridge Deverill: Morning Worship

#### Children's Library

We are very pleased to announce that we will be launching our children's library at St Margaret's Church on Saturday 19th September from 10am onwards. The intention is that children come along and borrow and exchange books.

To help us build up the initial stock if you have any books in good condition suitable for children up to teen years we would be very grateful to receive them. Collection points will be all three churches when open for services, the Benefice office on Monday mornings, or contact the office by e-mail and we will make suitable arrangements to collect.

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#### **Fundraising Matters**

This year there will be two Harvest Suppers. On Saturday 3rd October the Supper will be at the Reading Rooms, Corsley at 7.30pm; and on Saturday 10th October the Supper will be at Chapmanslade School. Please see full details for tickets in next month's Bridge.

Our Christmas Fayre this year will be at Godswell Grove Farm, Chapmanslade on Saturday 12th December. We will have all the usual attractions plus hold the draw for the 50/50 Club.

#### Welcome and Congratulations

Welcome to the church family Ava Thomas baptised at St Philip & St James on August 9th. Congratulations to James Ashton and Sara McCormack on their marriage at St Margaret's on August 22nd.

#### Prayers and Sympathy

Our prayers and special thoughts are with the families of Michael Cole, Wayne Harridge, Philip Butler, Jenny Jones, Sue Waterman and Hughie Little whose funerals have been held in our churches in recent weeks.

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# Corsley WI August News



The Reading Room in Corsley was filled with the lovely scents of flowers and baking when members of Corsley WI met for their August meeting. There was a wonderful display of tea loaves, treacle tarts, coffee cakes, jams and preserves, fruit and vegetables, flowers, photographs and handicraft items from members, at the Corsley WI Flower, Handicraft and Produce Show. Independent judges spent the afternoon deciding on the winning entries and the trophies were awarded at the meeting in the evening. The winners of the sections were: Photography Caroline Higham; Homecraft – Amanda Bain; Vegetables – Charlotte Beswick; Flowers - Di Dowling; Handicraft -Amanda Bain. The Gardening Club prize for an arrangement in a teapot was won by Caroline Higham, with Carol Seward second and Pauline Scott third. The Theresa Watts Cup for the best Christmas stocking was awarded to Amanda Bain. The overall winner was Amanda Bain, with Caroline Higham coming second and Jean White in third place. At the end of the meeting, an auction of some of the produce and cakes was held, with Pauline Scott as our very able auctioneer.

One of our members, Amanda Bain, had recently attended the Garden Party held

at Buckingham Palace for WI members in recognition of the centenary of the WI. Amanda said that she had found it long and exhausting but had thoroughly enjoyed her day out. She was delighted to have been introduced to the Duchess of Cornwall, Princess Alexandra and also the Countess of Wessex. It was a very windy day and the ladies had to hold onto their hats but Amanda said the event catering for about 8,000 people was extremely well organised and she was impressed by the precision of the neatly cut sandwiches and dainty cakes! Judith Helliar thanked Amanda for telling us about her trip.

We have our own special occasion in September, with the Corsley WI 95th Anniversary and NFWI Centenary Dinner on 10th September, 6.30pm for 7pm. We would like members to bring a photo or some other item of memorabilia illustrating life 95 – 100 years ago, to put on our display table. The competition is for a brooch. Our next normal meeting will be in October.

New members are welcome to join us from October. For further information about our WI, please ring Carol Seward on 01373 832446.

#### Everyone is very welcome to join us for the following activities:

Bridge Club Coffee Morning Gardening Club Lunch Club First and third Tuesdays each month, 2-4 pm, Corsley Reading Room First Tuesday each month, 10-12 noon, Corsley Reading Room Third Wednesday each month, venues as per club programme Last Tuesday of the month, 12.30 pm, various venues

More details on the Gardening Club and Bridge Club from Pauline on 01985 215760



# The buzz from the Bee Hive



e to the news feature from the 'Bee Hive' - Busy Bees Pre-School, Chapmanslade

Busy Bees will return to their 'hive' on 1st September ready for a new term. Most of our younger children are returning and lots of new little ones will be coming along for the first time. We had to say goodbye to our older children at the end of last term as they left to start their new journey at various primary schools. The majority of them will start at Champmanslade C of E School and we are grateful to Gemma and Diane (teachers at the School) for helping their transition by visiting Busy Bees and letting the children visit the school and meet some of their children. We had an end of year party for our leavers with all the children joining in as well as a few teary parents!

Work on the garden will be complete by the time this goes to print. We would again like to thank Aster Communities for their contribution towards the AstroTurf. We will have a covered pergola with log seats and various vegetable beds so that the children can plant seeds and flowers (we will also be buying a small greenhouse to continue our planting theme). The paving slabs will allow the children to ride bikes and scooters more easily and the AstroTurf will ensure that we always have green 'grass' no matter how often it is used. We have also installed new kitchen units to give more cupboard and worktop space for the team so that meal times are easier.

The first week of new term starts with helping the new children settle in and introducing them to other Busy Bees as well as helping

them choose their Key Person. All the children will share details and photos of their holidays and new learning journey books will be opened. During September the children will share information about themselves so that a display board can be created, be involved with mask making as part of carnival week as well as cooking when they will be involved with making fruit salad, pizzas, soup, mug cakes and biscuits.

If you would like further information please contact Kelly Williams (Manager) on either 07749257608 or email her at busybeespre-school@hotmail.co.uk

> Sally Evans Chair, Busy Bees Pre-School 01373 832906

#### Farm walk for **The Prince's Countryside Trust**

# 'Thank you'

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Adding colour is easy and it's the simple things that make the big difference. So, simple idea number one is all about the way in which you arrange things in your garden. Imagine a painter; if they wanted something to have the biggest impact and significance they would use one solid colour as a background and use contrasting colours over the top. It's the same concept in your garden. Around the edge of your garden as your background plant evergreens; laurels for example. In front of these then plant your perennials. Pastel colours are very popular at the moment and using them is a way to add subtle colour to your garden. Not only good for the colour side of things, perennials will flower every year and will attract the bees and other wildlife into your garden.

Potted flowers are something we've sold a lot recently at the garden centre and are another easy way to introduce colour into your garden. Although when in flower the contents of the pot are the main attraction, the pot itself has a lot to add to the show as well. Glazed and glossy pots are now

something of a more familiar sight because when the flower is over, they still offer a somewhat attractive sight. Why not decorate your own pots for a more unique and personal touch?

Moving away from the flower side of things, have you ever thought of stepping outside the box and moving away from the brown fencing and garden furniture everyone takes a liking to and again, adding a little bit of colour? Painting your fence or garden bench from brown to blue could make so much difference. You could do anything ... from a stripy white and blue panel to an artistic design hand painted with patience and skill. Your fence is your canvas!

Finally, who says fairy lights can only be used at Christmas? Add some solar powered decoration to your garden and watch it come to life as the sun goes down and the stars come out. Twist them round a tree or hang them from your newly decorated fence; wherever they are, they are certain to add that little sparkle and make your garden not only enjoyable throughout the day time, but night time too.

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### The Elizabeth Evening 2015 round-up

## The Three Musketeers

Swords have been re-sheathed and heaving bosoms once again released from their stays for another year to gambol unfettered across the fields of Corsley, which must all mean that another rip-roaring Elizabethan Evening has come and gone.

And what a year it was...

A near-capacity audience of around 400 sat down to an fine evening of energetic entertainment from the Illyria Theatre Company, with M 'Lady finally getting her just deserts and Cardinal Richelieu's schemings being ultimately foiled, with lots of dramatic action, sword-play and humour in between. We also saw the return of Calico Jack, who provided our pre-performance strolling entertainment.

A dozen Aga's across Corsley and beyond were kept busy on Saturday preparing the Corsley Cassoulet for those 225 canny people who opted for the pre-performance supper, and judging by the empty plates returning to the kitchen, it went down a storm.

A special mention must go to the comely maiden tasked with cooking the 500 sausages. Almost undaunted, into the sea of sausage she plunged, to emerge several hours later, looking content and satisfied after her afternoon's exertions.

Behind the scenes, the Committee of Errant Ne'er do wells, corralled by Sir John D'Helliar, wish to thank all our generous sponsors and the army of volunteers who help on the day, and those who foolishly hosted committee meetings, only to find

their larders and wine cellars ransacked in the process. Of the many behind-the-scenes helpers, we especially missed the talents of Maggie and her magic marigolds, this year.

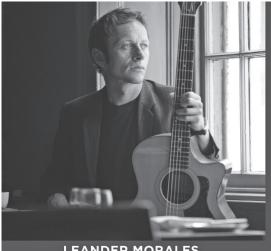
The dust hasn't yet settled on this year's accounts, but I expect Phil the Bean (counter) will announce that in excess of £6,000 has been made for donations to good causes.

But of course we all secretly know the audience comes to see what travesty of a foreplay has been dragged from the tortured minds of its playwrights. This year was no exception, and the M'Lady Boys Touring Troupe delivered their new work; 'The Cassoulet Cavaliers' that once again plumbed the depths of acting ineptitude with great panache and very little else. A debut performance by the Mighty Toulouse, who handled his part well when faced with the unwarranted attentions of M 'Lady Mantha, another new convert to the Corsley Stage.

For those die-hards wishing to re-live this experience and the 2013 and 2014 Foreplays, search YouTube for Corsley Foreplay.

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#### **Chapmanslade Parish Council**

# **Parish Council Briefing**

Phil Jefferson reports on the parish council's activities in August

The Parish Council doesn't usually meet in August but we needed a special meeting on August 4th to receive and consider the results of the Lochailort questionnaire. About 30 residents attended the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, and during a week in which the funerals of four village residents were to be held, we paused to remember the seven village residents who have died since the beginning of June. Our thoughts and prayers are with all their families

#### **Barters Farm - proposed development**

We received a report from James Croucher, a planning consultant employed by Lochailort Investments, on the response to the questionnaires completed by village residents earlier in the summer. There had been an excellent response, with 148 residents completing the questionnaire. This represents approximately 60% of properties in Chapmanslade.

We had carried out our own analysis of Lochailort's questionnaire before the meeting. This showed a diverse range of opinions in the village:

- 92 (62%) supported the principle of new housing and community open space on the Barters site.
- 43 (29%) opposed.

- 95 (64%) agreed that the village would benefit from more affordable housing.
- 46 (31%) disagreed.
- 117 (77%) agreed that the village as a whole would benefit from enhanced traffic calming.
- 26 (17.5%) disagreed.

The most telling responses were in relation to the question which asked whether too many, too few or the right number of houses were being proposed:

- 67 (45%) said "too many"
- 32 (23.5%) said "about right" and
- 2 (1.5%) said "too few".

#### In addition

• 8 (5.5%) answered the question by saving "none at all".

Taking into account those who supported the principle of new housing but who thought 37 houses were too many, we were able to calculate that 38.5% were in favour of the proposals as they stood with 58% being against.

Accordingly, and after much discussion, the Parish Council resolved to support the principle of new housing on the Barters site. However, we also resolved that 37 houses were too many. We were asked by Mr Crouch to state what number of properties we would deem acceptable. Lochailort

had indicated that they would be prepared to reduce the number to 32 but they considered that fewer than 30 properties might not be a viable proposition. Some of the residents had said 20 would be an acceptable number. Our view was that it was not appropriate for the Parish Council to make a judgement on this matter.

Our discussion concluded at this point and we now await a response from Lochailort on whether or not they will be in a position to present further plans proposing a smaller number of houses. This matter has huge implications for the village and we will keep you in touch. Please accept our thanks for the care you all took in making known your views on Lochailort's proposals. The information you provided in your response will be of considerable help to the Parish Council in the coming months.

#### Other Planning Applications.

#### 53 High Street.

Having been granted planning permission to build two properties in the garden to the rear of no 53, the owners have now submitted a revised application, proposing minor modifications to the original plans. The Parish Council had supported local residents who had objected to the original proposals, principally on road safety issues, but on this occasion we did not feel that we need make any observation.

#### Siennas Valley

Following Wiltshire Council's decision not to grant planning permission concerning the mobile home located at Siennas Valley in Huntenhull Lane, Wiltshire has now issued an enforcement notice requiring the owner to remove the carayan and all its

'paraphernalia' and to restore the land to its original state. The notice came into effect on August 14th, subject to appeal, and the owner has six months to comply with the notice. The owner has a right of appeal against the notice and also against the planning decision.

#### Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations **Development Plan**

Wiltshire Council is currently preparing a development plan identifying land which could be used for future housing development. Three strategic land availability sites, known as SHLAAs, nominated by landowners, exist for our village at Barters Farm, the industrial estate at Green Farm and the field at the western end of the village next to Black Dog Woods. Wiltshire has asked for our views and we have responded by saying that Green Farm should be retained for industry rather than housing.

#### Highways matters

Part of the road surface at Huntenhull Green has subsided, hence the current road closure. Wiltshire Council is insistent that the section of road is not part of the adopted highway, but this is disputed by local residents. As a "gesture of goodwill", Wiltshire has agreed to carry our remedial repairs.

Please report highways issues to Keith Muston, at themustons@btinternet.com or 832755 and public footpath issues to Adam Oakley at adam@oakleyfrome.co.uk or 832437.

## Village Hall and Village Hall Playing

By the time you read this it is hoped that work to relay the village floor will have been completed and that, once again, the hall

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is fully operational. It has been a worrying – and expensive – time for the village hall committee and they deserve all our support. It appears that five, rather than two, trees lining the track to the village hall have died recently and very suddenly. A village resident has suggested that a chemical may have been applied around the base of some of the trees. Why would anyone want to do this, especially as the trees were planted as part of our celebrations to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee? What motive would anyone have to want to kill them? Do let Adam or me know if you have any further information.

The village hall committee are also concerned that a resident has located a fence on land which is shown on the village hall's deeds as being owned by the village hall. They are currently obtaining legal advice on this matter.

#### Next meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday** 8th September, 7.30 pm at the school. The main item will be to receive an update from the owners of Thoulstone Park on their future plans. In particular we will learn about a forthcoming planning application concerning employment/work/office premises on the site. We are meeting on a Tuesday to avoid a clash with the Warminster Area Board meeting at our village hall on Thursday 10th September.

The agenda for the Area Board meeting includes a report on child poverty in our area, and updates on the campus programme, Safe Places and community engagement. There will also be an opportunity to question the Wiltshire councillors for the Warminster area, including Fleur de Rhé-Philipe, our councillor. Refreshments are available from 6.30 pm and the meeting starts at 7 pm.

#### And finally...

Please see the advert elsewhere in The Bridge for the defibrillator awareness event which will be held at the village hall from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm on Saturday 26th September. This is an open invitation for everyone to attend and to see how the defibrillators in our two villages and in and around Frome can help to save lives.

Phil Jefferson 832845 phil.jefferson@virgin.net

## Piano Exam Successes

The following pupils of Debbie Rickhuss, Temple, Corsley have succeeded in passing exams as set by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

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Lucas Crabbe Grade 1 with Merit
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Naomi Watson Grade 3 with Merit
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Eva Perkins Grade 5 Theory
Arthur Burgess Grade 3 Theory
Congratulations to you all!

Debbie Rickhuss 01373 832829 07747 499990 rickhuss@tiscali.co.uk



## Whose is this?

#### **Caroline Le Vine, Counsellor in Corsley**

Have you ever walked into a room where there are other people and instantly felt peculiar?

Anxious, perhaps, or angry when you'd been fine just moments before? Assuming that you had no reason to feel threatened by or cross with the people you've just joined, where did this feeling come from? Is it yours? Or is your 'sixth sense' coming into play? Is what you're feeling really yours or are you feeling what your companions are feeling, even though they haven't expressed it and may not even be consciously aware of having the feeling themselves?

Sounds like psycho-babble? Maybe – unless you've experienced it! It's an awareness I use a lot in my work. Maybe I'll be suddenly overwhelmed by sadness or feel a sense of enormous pressure to provide a solution for someone. Once I've checked that the feeling isn't mine (and made a mental note of it if it does belong to me - need to deal with this later, possibly in supervision), it's time to

explore whether the person I'm sitting with is experiencing this feeling. Are they struggling with sad feelings they can't express? Are they silently begging me to offer an answer to their problem?

I don't think I'm special in having this ability. I think we all have it and that we are a lot more sensitive to others than we give ourselves credit for. It's just that we often dismiss the peculiar sensations that we pick up and the thoughts they trigger that seem odd or unjustifiable. I know that, when I've gone with the feeling I get and introduced it gently into the conversation, the result is usually startlingly positive. So, next time you feel or think something unexpected, maybe vou can use it to ease someone else's discomfort.

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## Famous festival fiddler!

Local violinist and mother of two, Katherine Brewer, has been more than just a busy mum this summer. The Chapmanslade-based musician and engineer Katherine, recently took to the stage to perform at the world famous Glastonbury Festival and The Village Pump Folk Festival as well as making more on-stage appearances at some smaller events in the area.

Katherine has been working with Westbury-based musician Leander Morales and they will be performing together at an event called The Live Session, at Dilton Marsh Village Hall on 3rd October as part of the Westbury Music and Arts Festival. Tickets cost just £6 in advance or £8 on the door and are available from The Fairfield Farm shop as well as www.seetickets.com

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#### A Preacher's Journey

My life began in Guernsey in 1946. Later my father's work took him to Woking when I was about 12. I'm thankful I was always sent to a Sunday School, but it was in Woking, at Horsell Evangelical Church, I really heard the Christian gospel for the first time. I responded in simple faith to an invitation to ask the Lord Jesus Christ into my heart. I'm grateful for the many good role models I experienced in that church - people having a godly influence on me, without even knowina it.

In Horsell, I met Jeannine, whom I married in 1969. We have two children, Naomi and Marcus, and thank God they both became Christians and are serving the Lord. They're both married and we now have four arandsons.

We look back and praise God for the great biblical teaching received from various pastors in Horsell, which I now try to pass on through preaching and Bible studies. I began preaching occasionally in about 1974, but it's only recently more opportunities have been given to me, including being part of a team ministry to Myanmar.

I trained in printing and since 1990 I have worked as a freelance proofreader, 'retiring' to Frome in 2014. One kind of reading I can recommend is the Bible. The psalmist wrote in Psalm 119 verse 105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path".

While it's good to have role models, whether in church or other areas, Christianity cannot be imitated; something must happen within our hearts to make it real. Jesus said to a very religious Jewish teacher that he must be born from above.

> John Hobson Visiting preacher to Whitbourne Chapel

#### Thank you, Anna!

The Chapel's technical expert is Anna Mead, daughter of Chapel Secretary, Ray. Anna deals with non-working clocks and with recorded music when we have no organist. She also deals with building and decorating issues, and has recently installed an automatic light on the organ loft stairs. Anna's also in charge of the Chapel's website. Thank you for your hard work, Anna!

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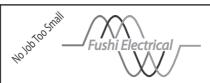
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# Tales from the passenger seat



The ability to multi-task, both physically as well as visually is a necessary skill that some pupils need more time than others to develop. Initially for the learner who has never driven before, it is very much a physical 'drive by numbers' process. The pupil learns the basic functions of how to control the car. They are often thinking so much about what they are going to do inside the car, that they do not really perceive what is happening outside the car. As they progress, and this physical aspect of driving becomes more muscle memory, then they are better placed to see and start to understand what is going on outside the car. But they not only have to learn to 'read the road', but to visually multi-task.

Staring at a given object is a common trait; studying one single aspect of what perhaps one particular vehicle is doing with no visual awareness of what any other nearby vehicle is up to is part of the normal development and something I daily have to be aware of; the pupil will not 'see' or register the blindingly obvious. This might be red traffic lights, or a lorry stationary in front of us, or a person walking across a zebra crossing. Sometimes a pupil, despite intellectually knowing the give way to traffic coming from your right at a roundabout rule, will quite happily go to pull out in front of a lorry, bus, cyclist, etc., that is maybe no more than four feet from our right. They are looking

beyond the vehicle into the distance, can't see anything coming and so intend to pull out... they haven't registered the immediate danger only feet away.

If a person is not a natural driver, then practise in a car at home (once a certain standard has been reached), can be useful in helping them to learn to do and see more. Until a certain level of competence has been reached, for some it can be a difficult or slower learning curve. Panic can make a pupil on approach to a busy situation ask what shortly afterwards they admit was not rational:

Me: "At the roundabout take the first exit, the road leading off to the left". Pupil: "Ah, so that means turn right".

Me: "No, it means turn left.."

Pupil: "Ah, so you mean me to go ahead .."

I recall a pupil who had spent far too long studying a route sign rather than watching the road, and then asking "What do the numbers after the name of the town on a sign mean?" Quite how they had got to the age they were without understanding it meant how many miles to that particular town, I don't know but, hey ho, its all in a day's work.

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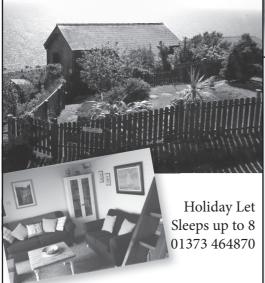
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Moving large corn-bins on trailers was our biggest headache: all the bridges on the B-roads between our previous farm near Taunton and Corslev had to be checked and measured so that the trailer and corn-bins could go underneath.

Young cattle were moved up in stages with kind neighbouring farmers from Corsley and Horningsham looking after them in our absence. The milking cows were transported in lorries after milking in the morning, driven carefully under instruction from John, and settled in to their new environment before milking in the afternoon.

Over the years there have been lots of highs and lows in our farming life. One of the 'highs' was seeing our son David graduate from Seale Hayne Agricultural College and then go to work on farms in Canada. Australia, New Zealand and Zimbabwe. David returned home some fifteen years ago to help run the farm.

In 2001 the British farming world was brought to a halt when Foot and Mouth Disease broke out in a small abattoir in the north of England, swiftly moving south to Wiltshire within a matter of days. The movement of people was restricted and the transport of animals to and from farms was halted. For six months dreadful scenes of piles of burning dead animals were televised; they had been euthanised by vets trying to stop the spread of the disease.



Many changes came about after 2001; sadly lots of local markets and small abattoirs closed, but moving stock and record keeping were all improved so that checking animals' movements, whilst initially a mammoth task, would hopefully prevent further outbreaks and spread of Foot and Mouth Disease. Today as each calf or lamb is born it is given an identification tag in its ear which it wears throughout its life.

Since 2001 we have no longer kept the 2.000 sheep that were fattened on the farm here in Corsley and on local dairy farms in the area during the winter months. Like dairy farming, the sales of lamb fluctuate depending on the price paid for the product.

Twenty five years ago we received 18p per litre for our milk; some farmers are still getting around the same price today! There are many reasons for the low price some farmers are receiving today. Ultimately there is a global supply/demand imbalance. Eighteen months ago there was a world shortage of milk, and the milk price was 50% higher than it is today. Milk production increased to meet demand. Now the Russian ban on EU dairy products, the strength of the pound against the euro, combined with some supermarkets taking advantage of the situation and selling milk as a loss-leader to aet people into their stores in the UK retail price-war has worsened the problem for UK dairy farmers: what we have now is the perfect storm!

Dairy farmers throughout the world will go out of business, less milk with be produced. supply and demand will come back into balance and the milk price will rise again - but this will take time. Meanwhile we will simply end up with fewer milk producers and less milk being produced in the UK. A crazy situation considering we are only 70% selfsufficient in dairy products in the UK.

So, what can you do to help? Some of the large UK supermarkets support their dairy farmers: they pay them a price that is based on the cost of production, but some of them do not! If you buy your milk from a supermarket, please choose one that pays its milk producers (your farmers) a fair price. Judith, John and David Helliar

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